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- 1. DURING A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH GYLFI GISLASON, CHRMN OF THE OPPOSITION SOCIAL DEMOCRAT PARTY, HE MENTIONED TO ME THAT WHILE AT THE NORDIC COUNCIL MEETING IN OSLO A FEW WEEKS AGO TRYGVE BRATTELI ASKED HIM ABOUT STATUS OF IDF RETENTION PROBLEM. BRATTELI TOLD GISLASON IDF MUST REMAIN ICELAND.
- 2. OLAF PALME TOLD GISLASON SAME THING WHEN PALME WAS GUEST OF GISLASON IN REYKJAVIK MARCH 9 ( REFTEL). GISLASON TOLD ME PALME EMPHASIZED TO HIM IN PRIVATE " ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL" FOR SECURITY OF SWEDEN AND SCANDINAVIA THAT IDF REMAIN UNIMPAIRED IN ICELAND. PALME ALSO TOLD GISLASON THAT HE WAS GREATLY CONFIDENTIAL

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DISTURBED OVER THE STATE OF US- SWEDISH RELATIONS WHICH HE CLAIMED WAS DUE TO MISUNDERSTANDING. I REMARKED THAT PALME HAS AN ODD WAY OF SHOWING HIS RELIANCE ON US; THAT HE HAS PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE THE RELATIONSHIP; AND PALME SHOULD NOT BE PUZZLED AS TO HOW DO TO DO THIS. IRVING

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